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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRIVING A  
PLURAL BANK PIEZOELECTRIC FUEL INJECTOR  
ELEMENT WITH BANK-SELECTION SWITCHES AND  
TRIAC DRIVE CIRCUIT (as amended)  
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002,  
kindly amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

✓ IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Title with the following Title:  
--METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRIVING A PLURAL BANK PIEZOELECTRIC  
FUEL INJECTOR ELEMENT WITH BANK-SELECTION SWITCHES AND TRIAC  
DRIVE CIRCUIT--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims.

B1  
--11. (New) An apparatus for driving a plurality of  
piezoelectric fuel injector elements assigned to a plurality of  
injector banks, each injector bank including at least one  
piezoelectric fuel injector element, comprising:

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